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(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

HAVAS REVIEW. AUTOMOBILE EXHIBITION.

PARIS, October 11.
The automobile industry show in Paris is a superb success. The *New York Herald* writes that the exhibition is a "superb display of finished workmanship, allied with good taste." Even more so, it is proof of France's national energy and industry. The difficulties that had to be overcome before the splendid collection of vehicles could be brought together were innumerable and formidable. The success of six months' effort is seen in the exhibition at the Grand Palais. The initiative, ingenuity, discipline, and tenacity that enabled the nation to withstand and finally overthrow the most powerfully equipped enemy that ever assailed civilization have been brought into play in the pursuit of peaceful industry with the same efficiency. The *Chicago Tribune* says a surprise is the large number of French machines on exhibition. During the war the French automobile manufacturers were devoting practically their entire plants to war work and the reorganization necessary to bring them back to pre-war conditions is not the least among the surprises. The *Daily Mail* concludes that the French salesmen were happy and smiling and might well be. They are deluged with orders. French firms certainly have produced a remarkable number of average priced cars.

The French Chamber of Deputies voted yesterday to make public all the reports of its secret committees during the war.

Marshal Foch's answer to the German Government's reply to the demand for the withdrawal of German troops from Baltic provinces will probably be sent some time to-day.

EVACUATION OF NORTH RUSSIA.

LAST MAN SAFELY AWAY: MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

LONDON, October 13.
The evacuation of North Russia has been completed. The last transport sailed from Murmansk yesterday. General Rawlinson and staff are expected to arrive in Glasgow to-day. The King has sent the following telegram to General Rawlinson: "On the completion of the evacuation of North Russia I desire to congratulate you and all ranks under your command on the successful manner wherein this difficult operation has been accomplished. I wish to express my appreciation of the skill displayed by the commanders and the courage, discipline, and power of endurance of all ranks. These qualities have enabled the forces both at Archangel and Murmansk to be withdrawn from their advanced positions in contact with the enemy, transported over great distance to their bases, and embarked with practically no loss of life. It is especially gratifying to me to note that the withdrawal has been carried out in such a manner as to leave the loyal Russian forces in a favourable position for continuing an active and resolute defence."

ANGLO-FRENCH-AMERICAN TREATY.

PARIS, October 13.
The *Gazette* publishes a decree ratifying the Anglo-French-American Treaty.

IRON FOUNDERS' STRIKE.

LONDON, October 13.
The ironfounders strike is settled. The demand for an advance of wages by fifteen shillings weekly will be arbitrated upon. Final terms will be submitted to a ballot, and if accepted, work will be resumed on Oct. 20.

AMERICAN COTTON GROWING.

NO INCREASE OF ACREAGE.

NEW ORLEANS, October 15.
At the cotton conference, Mr. Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association, said the cotton acreage of America would not be increased till the price justified cotton growing by well paid labour but the field must be increased and the price must take account of the gambler's chance that the grower had to take.

SILVER.

LONDON, October 13.
Silver is quoted 52 3/4-62. The market is steady.

BEATTY FIRST SEA LORD.

LONDON, October 13.
It is officially announced that Admiral Wemyss has resigned the First Sea-Lordship. Admiral Beatty succeeds him. Admiral Wemyss is specially promoted to be an additional Admiral of the Fleet.

AUSTRIAN CONSTITUTION SETTLED.

COPENHAGEN, October 13.
Vienna reports that Herr Renner announced that the two Coalition Parties have agreed on the principles of a constitution. German West Hungary would join the other lands as an autonomous land. Austria would be organised as a federal state.

LETTS REVIVING.

PART OF RIGA REGAINED.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 14.
A Lettish communique on Oct. 12 says the Letts succeeded in recrossing the Dwina in the direction of Mitau and occupying the suburbs of Riga on the left bank. Mobilisation is in full swing everywhere. The Livonia Cabinet, National Council, and Government officials moved to Pnden on Oct. 10 but the Premier and Minister of Justice have now returned to Riga. The entire Lettish press opposes the acceptance of General Bermond's offer of an armistice, on the ground that previous experience shows the Germans of Courland cannot keep their treaties.

REPORT BY FOCH.

FRENCH OPERATIONS IN THE FIELD.

PARIS, October 14.
Liberte gives what purports to be Foch's report on the 1917 offensive. Foch opines that although all the desired results were not attained, the offensive constituted a real success for our arms. Under threat of preparation for an offensive the Germans refused battle and evacuated an area of 2,000 kilometres, freeing an eighth part of the invaded territory. Besides resulting in the capture of 55,000 prisoners, 800 guns, and 1,000 machine guns, the offensive freed the Italian and Russian fronts and placed the initiative in our hands. *Liberte* also quotes Foch as saying that if Nivelle had been allowed to continue his operations in 1917, northern France might have been freed sixteen months earlier.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ILLNESS.

WASHINGTON, October 13th.
An official bulletin announcing that President Wilson's condition necessitates his remaining in bed for an extended period has dispelled the hope of an early resumption of Presidential duties. A sensation has been caused in America by a letter in the newspapers, alleged to have been written by a Senator, declaring that the President is suffering from cerebral lesion, one of the results of which might be any material force or factor in anything. There is much speculation regarding the situation, as, although the Constitution provides that the Vice-President assumes office in the event of disability on the part of the President, up to the present there has been no precedent for this. A bulletin issued this evening states that President Wilson is in good spirits and had a restful day. The President's physician professionally declines to comment on the Senator's letter cabled earlier.

QUEEN WILHELMINA TO VISIT THE EAST.

AMSTERDAM, October 13th.
It is officially stated that Queen Wilhelmina will shortly proceed on a State visit to the Dutch East Indies under the Javanese title Sri Baginda Rajah Putri (Illustrious and Gracious Empress).

MORE IRISH OUTRAGES.

LONDON, October 13th.
Fourteen men attacked a train between Cork and Queenstown, disarmed three soldiers and disappeared leaving no clue.

ANOTHER AMERICAN STRIKE.

NEW YORK, October 13th.
The teamsters and truckmen in New York struck work at midnight. Ten thousand are involved. The strike will tie up virtually every terminal in Greater New York and prevent the delivery of milk and other perishables.

ANGLO-PERSIAN AGREEMENT.

PARIS, October 13th.
The Persian Foreign Minister, in an interview, stated that he had requested the Peace Conference to give him an audience in order to explain the wishes of Persia. He emphasised that the apprehensions in regard to the Anglo-Persian Agreement were not justified. Persia could only live if she reformed herself and could only do that with the friendly support of one of the great European Powers. Britain was the only Power able to help Persia.

The Agreement contained nothing attacking Persian independence or constituting a permanent right or monopoly for Britain. Persia would be able to appoint foreign advisers, for example, French professors. He emphasised that the Agreement would be submitted to the League of Nations.

AFGHAN NEGOTIATIONS CONDEMNED.

LONDON, October 13th.
The *Times* condemns giving the Afghans control of external relations, also what it calls the apparently calculated unpardonable delay of the Raj in revealing that this "great concession" has been made.

It says that Sir Valentine Chirol's words of 1903 are truer to-day than they were then, namely, that "Kabul is the very last place we should willingly suffer to be transformed into a centre of diplomatic rivalry."

It remarks that the choice of Sir Hamilton Grant to conduct the negotiations was not good, and that the obvious man for the job was General Dose-Koppel.

THE BALTIC PROVINCES.

LONDON, October 13th.
A telegram from Riga states that Colonel Bermond had announced his intention to enter Riga at midnight on Thursday, but the plan was upset by the sturdy resistance of the barefooted Letts, who succeeded in filling the breaches in the line. The *Daily Chronicle* correspondent at Riga, in a graphic account of the three days' fighting, relates how the Lettish rearward of 2,000 men held up an overwhelming force of Germans. Every yard was stubbornly contested, in spite of the use of gas shells and a withering hail of bullets. Many of the soldiers were schoolboys who came direct from their classes. The Letts were finally obliged to retire before the machine guns and armoured cars, but were still holding out on Saturday in spite of a very violent bombardment.

THE LOAN TO CHINA.

LONDON, Oct. 13.
The Chinese loan cabled on 8th. October totals £1,800,000. It arises out of an agreement whereunder Vickers supply a large number of commercial aeroplanes to China.

THE MANCHESTER MISSION.

LONDON, Oct. 13.
At a meeting of cotton interests at Manchester it was reported that the Treasury wishes to limit the membership of the proposed Trade Mission to the Far East to three, instead of twelve, and the Government's contribution to £2,000 instead of the whole of the expense. The meeting passed a resolution declaring that the Treasury scheme is inadequate and it urged the Treasury to arrange the mission on the original lines, approved by the Board of Trade, at a convenient time in 1920.

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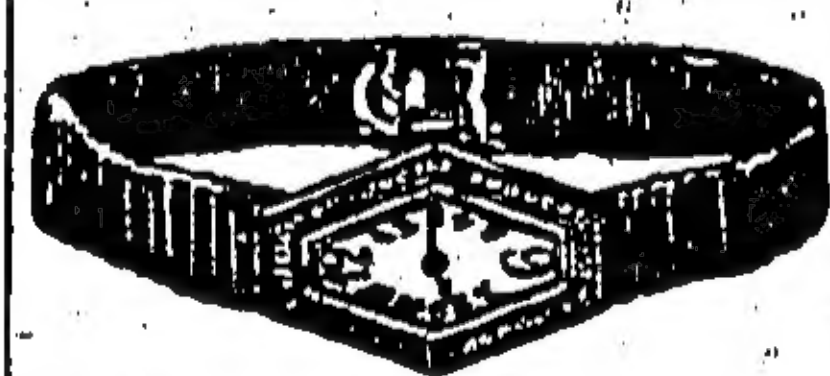
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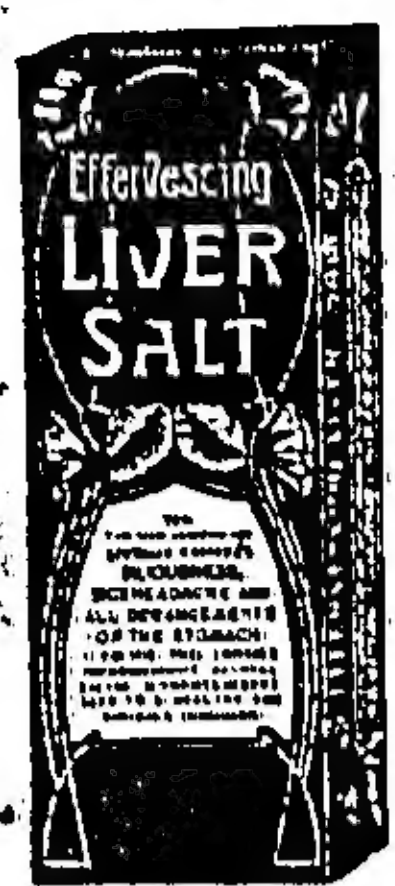
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The China Mail.

EDITOR, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCT. 16, 1919.

ADVERSARIA.

With aviators flying half way round the world, setting off from London to Australia undecided (if Reuter is to be believed) whether to call at Egypt or Constantinople (as if that were immaterial) our annual harbour swim may seem "small potatoes" in the way of enterprise. Yet it is a wonderful thing. A dozen young people enter the water on the Kowloon side, this evening, and swim to Hongkong. They have to combat strong currents. Looking from a height the distance may not seem much. Even from the Ferry it is not considerable. As a sampa journey it looks more formidable. In the water itself, for a swimmer, it is a tedious undertaking. Those who succeed will deserve their rewards. It is not on reflection, an idle achievement like hunting for the poles or climbing Mont Blanc. Just consider how convenient an accomplishment it is, when you miss the last Ferry.

How many who go upon H.M.S. the harbour today to watch the swimmers will cast a missing eye upon very, her all-too-human fate? We are not of those who think the romance of the sea died with wooden ships and belling sails. That cry as untrue as the one heard by the Egyptian pilot from the island of Paxos. Neither romance nor the god of romance is dead. The old Kent, though doomed to dissolution as mere scrap iron soon, offers as much scope for manly emotion as the Fighting Temeraire. She played her part in the Great War, especially at the battle of the Falklands, and has been to and fro upon the great waters on John Bull's affairs. Doubtless the gallant men to whom she has been a home so long could speak more feelingly.

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heart, and get into line with the King, the Premier, and the other notables who have now given the L.O.N. their blessing. Incidentally we are minded to reproach Reuter for wasting time on those tedious messages which accompany to-day's disgracefully condensed cable concerning this important campaign. What is the Austrian constitution to us compared with this momentous movement? What are those stupid guerrilla successes by Denikin in comparison, with ample details of His Majesty's message, or the able arguments of Mr. Asquith?

ARTICLES

The two Articles emphasized by Mr. Asquith XIL AND XVI. need re-reading. Article XII stipulates that the members of the League, if they should arise between them any dispute likely to lead to a rupture, shall submit the matter to arbitration or to enquiry by the Council of the L. O. N. Until three months after the award or the report, they are not to resort to war. This gives at least nine months for passions to subside. Article XVI is the one which binds all other members of the League to attack a member nation which offends, with "severance of all trade or financial relations," and "prohibition of all intercourse." That in these days is the most effective mobilization. In addition, the Council will levy upon the members for contributions of fighting men or material. This Article XVI alone should have saved the L.O.N. from many of the jeers and sneers aimed at it. It is practical and warlike as a measure as the Anglo-French-American Treaty, every bit. The keynote for the campaign happily supplied by His Majesty the King. All that we want now is "good will," especially from the pessimists, cynics, and small-minded jeerers who have been busy crabbing the League.

Jerome K. Jerome has an amusing article on "National Unity Movement," which appears to be an organization of duchesses, earls, field marshals, and snobs to show the poor dear, working-man the error of his ways. As Mr. Jerome puts it, the attitude is something like that of God Almighty to a black beetle. Subscriptions have been paid in, and agents are to be sent into all districts to argue with the people. The newspapers are to be supplied with "facts" (more propaganda) and the clergy are to be asked to say a word in season. These worthy people have yet to discover that the working man, in subjects that concern him, is better educated than they are. At present they assume that the poor dear fellows are not really wicked, only silly.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 4/3 3/16d.

To-day's return of communicable disease is a cheerful blank.

In connection with St. Andrew's Ball, practice dances will be held in the City Hall on November 11, 18 and 25.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. de Villiers, of the Empire Entertainers Club for Singapore this morning on the s.s. "Hupeh."

The only European passenger who sailed for Haiphong by the s.s. "Jade" this morning, is Mr. A. J. Bainbridge.

The annual general meeting of the Craigenower Cricket Club will be held in the pavilion to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock.

The two men charged with committing an armed robbery at the London Mission School at Tokwan were committed for trial.

The speech in which the Hon. Mr. F. Seton James, C.M.G. presented the Budget to the Straits Legislative Council on October 6, ran into twenty foolscap pages.

The crepe de chine camisole and petticoat raffled by Lady Charter for the Peak stall of the M.C.L. bazaar has been won by ticket No. 14. The set of children's furniture, raffled by Mrs. Dodwell, for the Peak stall, has been won by ticket No. 35.

At a meeting held last evening in connection with the Royal Naval Quadrille Club it was decided to open the dancing season on Tuesday next, 21st October. It is regretted that the old place viz Royal Naval Canteen Theatre cannot again be utilised as it is required for the use of the Fleetmen shortly arriving but a room has been engaged at The Seamen's Institute, The Praya where it is hoped that the support given during previous seasons will be repeated. Dancing 8 to 11 p.m.

A "jumble" sale was held yesterday afternoon at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, in aid of the funds of the Ministering Children's League. It was, as one lady declared, a "two-edged" charity, as the funds benefited a most deserving cause and the articles, donated by members of the Church and their friends, were sold so cheaply that many poor people were able to supplement their winter stocks by purchasing cheaply things which, in the ordinary way, would be beyond their reach. Mrs. Griffin, who managed the sale, had the willing help of Mesdames Gill, Riggs, Fleming, White, Robinson, Rosser and Ross, and Miss Stone. The articles found a ready sale.

CRICKET.

The following will represent H.K.C.C. v. Craigenower C.C. on the H.K.C.C. Ground on Saturday, October 18. Play to commence at 2.15 p.m.—R. A. Brand (Capt.), E. W. Day, C. Baker, E. J. R. Mitchell, F. Sutton, P. Jacks, A. Burnie, P. de Paravicini, H. E. Hollands, J. D. Humphreys, A. K. Mackenzie.

A SLY-BROTHER.

PORTUGUESE LADY FINED.

Before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning Miss Constable, a Portuguese lady, was charged with being the keeper of a sly-brother at No. 7 Heard Street. Sergeant Willis stated that at 8.15 p.m. last night, he, with a Chinese detective, went to No. 7 Heard Street. He did not enter the house, but remained in the street for about half-an-hour when defendant with another lady, accompanied by two Europeans, appeared and all went up to the house. A little while after he went to the house, and stood outside the door. He knocked, and after waiting for some time, it was opened by a Chinese man. He entered the house, and saw a European sitting on the sofa and the defendant was near him. The other European was found hidden outside on the verandah. He ordered him to come in. Both of them then explained that while they were on the Star Ferry wharf, the defendant with the other girl approached them and asked them to accompany them home.

His Worship (to defendant): Do you wish to make a statement? Defendant: No. His Worship: I fine you \$50, and the house is ordered to be closed.

SUNSHINE AND COMMON SENSE.

DON'T doctor your blood for rheumatism. Use an external application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. In a few days it will get you up and out into the sunshine. Nature will restore the rich red blood to your veins and soon rid the system of this terrible disease. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SIR REGINALD STUBBS MAKES LONG SPEECH.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at noon to-day. There were present—H. E. the Governor, (Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G.), H. E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General F. Ventris, C.B.), The Hon. the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.), The Hon. the Acting Attorney General, (Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.), The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, (Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.), The Hon. the Director of Public Works, (Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G.), The Hon. the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E.), The Hon. the Captain Superintendent of Police, (Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe), The Hon. Mr. Lau Chup-pak, The Hon. Mr. S. H. Doddwell, The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, The Clerk of the Councils (Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.B.E.).

After the minutes of the meeting held on September 18 had been confirmed and passed, the Colonial Secretary laid on the table the abstract showing the differences between the approved estimates of expenditure for 1919 and the estimates of expenditure for 1920: and the financial statements in connection with the estimates for 1920.

The Colonial Secretary, in putting on the table financial minutes Nos. 102 to 118, moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the motion was carried.

The Colonial Secretary then proposed that report No. 10 of the proceedings of the Finance Committee at a meeting held on September 18 be adopted.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the proposal was carried.

The Colonial Secretary moved the resolution that the percentages on the valuation of tenement payable be altered as follows, with effect from the 1st of January, 1920:—The area bounded by the extension of Argyle Street on the North, by the extension of Waterloo Road on the South-East, by Victory Avenue on the North-East, and by the Kowloon-Canton Railway on or towards the West, from 7 per cent to 13 per cent.

He said that this particular district up to early this year, had not got water supply, lighting or sufficient Police protection or the other matters which bring the district up to the 13 per cent level. Now all these things have been supplied and therefore he begged to move that the resolution that the rating assessment for this district be raised from 7 to 13 per cent.

The Attorney-General seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The Colonial Secretary, next moved the first reading of a Bill intitled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of not exceeding Eleven million one hundred and seventy-three thousand two hundred and twenty-six Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1920."

His Excellency said:—Honourable Members of the Legislative Council. Within a few days of my arrival in the Colony I find myself in the position, on presiding over this Council for the first time, of laying before you the Annual statement of the financial position of the Colony and estimates of revenue and expenditure for next year.

It was estimated at this time last year that the balance of assets over liabilities on December 31, 1918, would amount to \$4,595,212 but the actual balance was \$5,681,138.

It is now estimated that the revenue for the current year will amount to the sum of \$17,056,441 or \$172,195 more than the original estimate.

The expenditure for this year under the heads in the Estimates which was originally estimated at \$14,677,896 is now expected to amount to \$15,078,600, but it must be added this estimate takes no account of the result of the purchase and sale of rice during the past three months as it is impossible at present to arrive at even an approximate estimate of what sum will be required to make up the deficit on that account.

The estimates of revenue for next year show I am glad to say a healthy condition, for whereas on the one hand a large decrease is shown in the receipts of the Opium Monopoly the increases in the more permanent heads of revenue amount to over a million dollars. The estimated revenue for 1920 is \$15,314,800 being \$1,569,415 less than the approved estimate for the current year, and \$1,741,610 less than the revised estimate. The principal increases are—

Light dues	\$ 35,000
Light dues, Special Assessment	35,000
Assessed taxes	111,960
Carriage chair &c. licences	17,500
Fines	15,360
Kowloon (West) ferry licences	118,800
Pawnbroker's licences	12,300
Stamp duties	100,000
Tobacco duties	100,000
China companies fees	40,000

Engagement and discharge of seamen	15,000
Fees for use of government buoys	20,000
Medical treatment	12,000
Postage	15,000
Railway	46,800
Buildings	14,810
Lands not leased	26,130
Deased Lands (New Territories)	11,250
Interest	272,000
	\$1,018,910

while the two main decreases are the amount obtained from the special war rate \$1,095,000 and a sum of \$1,500,000 less from the opium monopoly.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1920.

The expenditure for next year is estimated to amount to \$14,886,473 which is \$208,577 more than the estimated expenditure for the current year. The various increases and decreases in each department and the reasons therefore are fully set out in the sessional paper which has been laid on the table.

Under the head of Governor Special Expenditure a vote of \$10,000 has been inserted for the renewal of Government House furniture. I regret that I should be in the position of asking for this vote on my first appearance as President but the present condition of Government House has been unfavourably commented upon in this Council and I think with justice.

In the Colonial Secretary's Department provision has been made for two new unpassed cadets, no appointments to the Cadet Service having been made during the war. Under special expenditure a sum of \$650 has been inserted for the purchase of Document press and cabinets.

With a view to training a clerk to take charge of the stamp office in the Treasury on the retirement of the present higher grade clerk, one first grade clerk has been added to the staff of the stamp office.

In the Harbour Master's department the posts of lighthouse-keepers have been divided into two classes and are not now numbered according to seniority. The post of principal lighthouse-keeper has been abolished on the retirement of the holder on 2nd grade lighthouse-keeper while two new posts of 2nd class lighthouse-keepers have been inserted. A new sub-post appears, namely, Blackhead's Hill Signal Station, the staff of which has been re-organized.

Under other charges increases amounting in all to \$6,000 have been made the present votes having proved insufficient. The votes for coal have been reduced owing to the price being lower.

In the Imports and Exports Department the post of temporary higher grade clerk has been abolished and the sum of \$10,000 inserted for the staff for salt control is not at present required.

Under other charges increases amounting to \$1,500 have been considered necessary in the votes for secret Service and Transport. A large decrease however occurs in the vote for the purchase of raw opium of \$350,000, as it is expected that much less opium will be boiled next year. The votes for the purchase and upkeep of a launch for the salt control are also not required.

Under miscellaneous services there are several increases amounting in all to \$4,594 while decreases occur to the extent of \$3,231. The reasons for these increases and decreases are fully given in the footnotes. A sum of \$465,000 has been inserted to cover the special allowances on salaries which have been granted to the Civil Service pending a general revision of salaries.

Miscellaneous services as a whole, however, show a large decrease. This is due to the large sums formerly voted for war expenditure not now being required. The decrease under this head amounts to \$1,510,219. Passing to the judicial and departments, I would point out that the post of assistant interpreter in the Supreme Court has been abolished. It is considered that fully qualified Chinese interpreters are now available for the interpretation required and one 2nd grade interpreter has therefore been substituted for that post.

A considerable increase is shown in the estimates for the Police and Prison Departments, amounting in all to \$71,323. The war being over we are again able to obtain from home able-bodied recruits for the Police Force and an effort has therefore been made not only to bring the Police Force up to its pre-war strength so far as the European contingent is concerned but also by certain re-organizations to bring the Force into conformity with the needs of the present day. A list of the new posts which it has been considered necessary to make in the Police Department is shown in appendix II of the estimates and the net increase in personal emoluments resulting therefrom is approximately \$37,000. Increases have also been considered necessary in several votes under other charges of the Police Department amounting to \$34,766 but reductions have been possible in other votes so that the net increase is reduced to \$12,566. These increases and decreases are fully enumerated in the abstract laid on the table.

The introduction of motor fire-engines has necessitated also a re-

organisation of the Fire Brigade. Five new posts of Fire Brigade chaffeurs have been added, two European steam-engine drivers have been dispensed with and the number of firemen has been increased by nine. Increases under other charges have been required also on account of the rise in the cost of materials for repairs and of the increased number of engines that have now to be kept in good order.

I have read with much satisfaction the excellent record of the work done by members of the Police Force during the war. Their numbers have been much depleted while their duties have increased and they are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have grappled with the situation. In doing so they have been ably assisted by the Police Reserve which has been recently demobilised and to which I now desire to express the gratitude and appreciation of the community. Those members of the Police Force who went on active service have nearly all returned, though some have given up their lives. The war record of the force will always redound to its credit, and will I hope be suitably commemorated in the new building of the Central Police Station.

In the Prison Department additional house allowances have been granted to the Warders of the Indian staff to enable senior officers to marry. Under other charges increases in several votes have been necessary on account of the general rise in price of commodities, amounting in all to \$11,700.

Under special expenditure for the Police and Prison Departments a sum of \$10,000 has been inserted for the purchase of arms in order to bring up to date the equipment of the Police Force. \$1,300 has also been inserted for two motor cycles with a view to the more efficient patrolling of outlying districts and \$6,300 has been included for the purchase of a shallow draught motor boat which will be used on the shallow waters at the head of Deep Bay. A sum of \$3,333 has also been inserted for the purchase of new type and numbering machines for the printing department in the jail.

In the Medical Department a new post of steward has been created for the purpose of providing a better check on the receipt and issue of daily supplies and for the general supervision of the native staff of the Government Civil Hospital. The travelling allowances granted to Nursing sisters and probationers have been revised and, in view of present needs, increased.

On account of the opening of a new ward in the Government Civil Hospital an increase in staff has been required, while the extension to the sisters' quarters has also necessitated an addition to their domestic servants. These additions are fully shown in Appendix II. The opening of the new ward and the increase in the cost of commodities generally have also caused several increases in other charges amounting in all to \$8,200. Several decreases have, however, been effected in other votes amounting to \$1,550. The extension to the Lunatic Asylum has also necessitated several increases amounting in all to \$340. Owing to the general resumption of trade and to the increased volume of shipping now arriving in this port it is considered necessary to increase the vote for coal for the launch of the Health Officer of the Port by \$500. Increases amounting to \$1,945 appear also in other charges for the Bacteriological Institute due to the inclusion under that head of the sums formerly voted under special expenditure for the preparation of meningococcal serum. The rise in price of laboratory apparatus and chemicals necessitate also an increase of \$1,400 in other charges for the Government Laboratory.

In the Sanitary Department provision has been made for two additional Sanitary Inspectors together with two additional 5th grade interpreters to Sanitary Inspectors. These are required for work in Kowloon City and Shamshuipo where formerly police inspectors have acted as sanitary inspectors in addition to their other duties. It is felt that these rising townships now require full time inspectors. There are several other increases of the Sanitary Staff which are fully set out with the reasons therefor in Appendix II. In other charges several votes have been increased resulting in a total increase of \$3,950; it has been possible however to reduce other votes to the extent of \$1,450. These increases and decreases are fully shown in the abstract laid on the table.

Under special expenditure provision has been made for one 4 wheeled street watering van and for six two wheeled dust carts to replace vehicles that have worn out in use. Further exhumations at Kai Lung Wan Cemetery and exhumations at Mount Caroline Cemetery necessitate votes amounting to \$7,400. For the better conveyance of meat and poultry from the slaughter house to the Central Market provision has been made of \$15,000 for the purchase of motor meat and poultry vans. These, it is hoped, will remove the present everyday obstructions to the tramway, will provide a more sanitary method of conveying meat to the markets and will contribute to the revenue of the Colony from the fees which it is proposed to charge.

The estimates for the Education Department have this year been put into, what is believed to be, a more suitable form, under groups of cognate schools. These estimates show an increase of \$78,090 over the sum voted for education for the current year. This large increase is due mainly to increased subsidies to vernacular education in Hongkong and the New Territories, to increased capitation grants to schools recently included in the grant scheme and to a considerable strengthening of the Staff.

The increases in the staff of the various schools have been fully set out and explained in Appendix II and I need only refer to the addition of 12 Assistant Mistresses which has already been sanctioned by the Secretary of State for the Colonies. The depletion of the Staff of the Education Department owing to the absence of many members on military service and the consequent introduction of lady teachers to take over their duties temporarily has shown that the education of young Chinese boys can be advantageously placed in their hands.

Under other charges several small increases occur, the necessities of which are explained in the footnotes attached to the estimates. The inclusion of new schools in the grant scheme has necessitated an increase in capitation grants amounting to \$19,771, while subsidies to schools in the New Territories have been increased by \$3,300 and a sum of \$10,000 has been inserted for subsidies to Elementary Vernacular Schools in Hongkong. With the permission of the Secretary of State for the Colonies a sum of \$10,000 has also been inserted as a grant to the Confucian Society who have already done so much for vernacular education in the Colony.

Mention was made last year of the generous help that is being given by certain Chinese gentlemen to the cause of Vernacular Education, and the Government has no desire to be behind hand in supporting their efforts. I hope that a considerable sum may be forthcoming for the creation of school buildings and for education generally, but as the money is not part of revenue of the Colony it is unnecessary for me to go into the matter now.

In the Defence Corps Estimates the abolition of the post of Armourer-Sergeant and the insertion of an Armourer Attendant with a fee for periodical inspections by an expert has caused a small reduction in Personal Emoluments. Under other charges a sum of \$800 has been added to the vote for the upkeep of the rifle ranges as this vote had previously been underestimated. Considerable savings have, however, been made in other votes resulting in a decrease of \$11,116. In connection with these votes I desire to express the appreciation of the Government of the excellent work done during the war by the members of the Defence Corps. I desire also to mention the valuable services rendered by Major Morgan as first Administrative Commandant, the high state of efficiency in the Corps being due, as I am informed in no small measure to his efforts.

There has been in recent years, as Honourable Members are well aware, a considerable expansion of the work done by the Public Works Department. During the war any increase of the staff was of course impossible but with the return to more normal conditions and with a large programme of public works in progress and in prospect a considerable strengthening of the department is required. On the retirement of Mr. Jaffe owing to ill-health the post of special engineer has been abolished and two 2nd grade executive engineers together with two 2nd grade assistant engineers have been added. Further building operations present and future are of such importance and extent that it has been considered necessary to insert a second post of Clerk of Work while the great extensions in the system of roads during recent years and the adaptations of existing roads for motor traffic has necessitated the addition of a Road Surveyor. The work in the office dealing with the drainage system of the Colony has also greatly increased and one new post of apprentice surveyor has been added to cope with the work and to keep up to date the drainage plans and records.

The work of the architectural and drainage office has also expanded considerably and it has therefore been necessary to create several new posts for draughtsmen which are fully shown in Appendix II. Further a considerable number of additional foremen and survey coolies has been required for the proper supervision of roads and other public works under construction. These men are usually appointed on a temporary basis and have so far been paid out of lapsing salaries, their posts are now fully shown in the estimates. Increase of clerical work in the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance Office has necessitated the addition of one 4th grade clerk while one 2nd grade Chinese surveyor has been added under miscellaneous work in connection with new roads under construction.

These new posts have necessitated several increases in conveyance allowances shown under other charges; it has been possible however to reduce other votes to the extent of \$4,300.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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Several votes for Public Works Recurrent show an increase this year over those for the current year amounting in all to \$98,100, with reductions in other votes amounting to \$14,500—the net increase being therefore \$83,600. The reasons for these increases and decreases are fully shown in the foot-notes to the estimates.

The conclusion of peace makes it possible to proceed with many public works held over owing to the emergency made on the resources of the Colony for war purposes. Honourable Members will not be surprised, therefore, to find that the sum provided under the heading "Public Works, Extraordinary," is close on \$4,000,000. This is nearly double the amount provided for this year, and nearly three times the amount spent in recent years. These are large figures but I feel sure that the Council will agree with me that, now that the war is over, it is the wisest policy to press on our programme of public works to the utmost of our ability in order both to make up the arrears of the years of war and to prepare as fully as possible for the era of increased trade and prosperity which we hope is now beginning. Even as it is we have been obliged to omit several works of importance but, as the year advances, it appears to be possible to deal with an even larger programme than that now included in the estimates. I shall not hesitate to lay before you supplementary proposals, to which I shall hope to secure your assent. I would mention here that any such increase in work would almost certainly necessitate an increase in the staff of the Public Works Department; but there can, I think, be no doubt that it will be possible to find useful employment for a larger staff for many years to come, unless there should be some unlooked for set back to the prosperity of the Colony.

As regards details it will be observed that in Hongkong the first six items are for the completion of buildings already in progress. Item 7 provides for quarters for scavenging coolies in the Western portion of the City. Item 8 for a new Fire Brigade Station. Item 9 for the completion of the Crematorium. The mortuary in Hill Road is now so close to new residences that it is considered desirable to remove it to a new site. Under Item 11 provision is made for building a second block of married quarters for Police in Cairns Road. Item 12 is for twelve new houses in Wong Nei Cheong Road. Six of these it is proposed to lease to the Naval Authorities for two years to house Naval Civil Officers, who are at present occupying military quarters. It is essential that these officers should reside in Victoria and by the provision of quarters for them the pressure on the housing resources of the Colony will be in some small measure relieved. The present summer quarters for the families of police officers are quite inadequate and it is proposed under Item 13 to begin the erection of suitable buildings on the Peak.

Under the heading "Communications" Items 16 (a) to (j) sums are provided for completing works now in progress. Under (k) a sum of \$60,000 is provided for a very necessary widening of the road between North Point and Quarry Point, while (l) and (m) are for improvements in Shaukiwan village. It is proposed to open Kennedy Road to motor traffic and the sum provided under (n) will enable part of the work to be undertaken. The road contemplated under (o) will open up some good building sites and at the same time will provide for an alternative route from Aberdeen to Victoria avoiding the very steep hill on the Pokfulam Road. Under (p) provision is made for beginning the construction of a road over Wong Nei Cheong Gap to Deep Water Bay, and under (q) for the first part of a road which will eventually reach Shek O and Cape d'Aguilar and will it is hoped lead to the development of that part of the island, which is at present somewhat isolated. Under (r) the road to Wanchai Gap will be extended to Magazine Gap giving access to new building sites. The sum of \$50,000 provided under (a) is for beginning the work of making Victoria Road suitable for heavy Motor Transport. Item (i) is for continuing the work of surfacing the main roads in the City with asphaltum.

It has become very desirable to open up new sites for residences in the Hill District. The only part of that district so far entirely undeveloped is Mount Cameron, and provision is made under item 17 for beginning the construction of a tramway to Wanchai Gap, which will provide a rapid means of access both to Mount Cameron and to the hills between Wanchai and Magazine Gaps.

Under Miscellaneous Works provision is made for reconstructing ferry piers and beginning the reclamation scheme at Apichau. Some important improvements are also to be made at the Central Police Station.

The rapid development of the Kowloon Peninsula necessitates the expenditure of considerable sums chiefly for roads and waterworks. I have not had time yet to make a personal inspection of the various portions of this important district, but I have had an opportunity of reading what has been written on the subject

and hope shortly to be able to arrive at decisions on the main questions under discussion. Among these questions the provision of suitable means of transport and the erection of a hospital would appear to be matters requiring early attention.

Under "Buildings" provision is made for beginning a new Fire Station and a New Police Station; the erection of quarters at the Royal Observatory and in King's Park; and very necessary alterations at the Water Police Station to render it suitable for the increased number of Police to be accommodated when the Fire Station is erected.

Under "Roads" a sum of \$150,000 is provided for making new roads and improving existing roads, while it is proposed to extend Coronation Road towards its eventual terminus in Sham-shui-po. A beginning is also to be made with the road to the China Light and Power Company's new station.

Under "Miscellaneous" the principal work will be the filling in of the low-lying areas in the neighbourhood of Tai Koktsui and Fuk Tsun Heung.

Though there is abundance of water in the Kowloon Reservoir the difficulty has hitherto been to supply the rapidly growing population owing to the impossibility of getting water mains of suitable size during the war. Provision has been made for laying a larger main from the reservoir filter beds and for improving the distribution system.

In the New Territories provision has been made for completing the surfacing of the road from Fanling to Castle Peak so that it may be suitable for motor transport in all weathers. A very necessary patrol path along a portion of the frontier is to be constructed.

Under the headings "Drainage" and "Miscellaneous" large sums are to be expended in connection with the growing town of Shamshui-po, and provision has also been made for a scheme of electric lighting for Tai-po and Tai-po Market.

The Estimates for the Post Office show little change from those of former years. A large increase in the work of the parcels branch has necessitated the addition of two grade postal clerks and of two postmen at \$144 each and increased under charges have been considered necessary amounting to \$1,100. The working of the Post Office continues on a satisfactory basis the net profit for the year 1918 for both postal and telegraph services amounting roughly to \$270,000.

Under the heading Kowloon-Canton Railway there are a few small changes in the staff and a considerable number of increases and decreases occur in the votes for other charges under the various Heads. Expenditure on the railway varies somewhat more than in the case of other departments. These increases and decreases as will be seen from the abstract on the table amount to \$24,035 and \$22,243, respectively, giving a net increase of \$1,792. The reasons for the changes will be found in the foot-notes attached to the estimates.

A considerable increase is shown this year in the special expenditure for the railway. After the years of war it has become necessary to have considerable renewals of rolling stock and machines. It is proposed to obtain from home the frame-works for 4 new carriages which will be built up and completed locally at a total cost of \$70,000. Cylinders and tyres require renewing and votes amounting to \$10,741 have therefore been inserted. One new locomotive also is urgently needed and a sum of \$20,000 is therefore provided for that purpose. A considerable increase in goods traffic is anticipated as conditions become more normal and to cope with this increase and replace worn out vehicles it is proposed to provide for 30 new thirty-ton waggons at a cost of \$198,333. A vote has also been inserted for additional machines for the workshops amounting to \$15,067.

Under Construction also votes amounting to \$2,650 have been inserted for necessary improvements to the line. The net increase in special expenditure is therefore \$305,574.

Under the head of "Pensions" Honourable Members will note with regret that the pensions of Sir H. S. Berkeley, Mr. Seth and Mr. J. Dyer Ball have ceased owing to their deaths.

The resignation of Sir Henry May has already been referred to in this Council and I am glad to think that his eminent services to the Colony in which he spent practically the whole of his long official career are to be suitably commemorated. The pension of another public servant who was for many years Treasurer, Mr. A. M. Thomson, also appears, and among the pensions to be paid will now be that of Mr. D. Jaffe, whose state of health I regret to say necessitates his retirement. Among much useful work that he performed in connection with the public works of the Colony, the building of the dam at Taitam Tuk will always stand as a tribute to his engineering skill.

Among the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions appear the names of the widows of two more police officers, who lost their lives in tragic circumstances, namely, Inspector Terrett and Sergeant Glendinning. In both these cases the Government has granted additional sums making the total up to £104 a year. The pension granted to Mrs. MacFarlane recalls the great loss that the Government

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

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SHANGHAI, Oct. 15.

The Premier has appealed to the Generals for a frank discussion of peace problems.

The Premier has completed arrangements for buying airships from England. These involve a loan of \$800,000, repayable in 20 years, in six per cent treasury bonds.

The Tsuchun of Hunan reports that southern troops are massing in three places on his front.

The Japanese loan of \$24,000,000 is nearly ripe, but the diplomats are still opposing it.

Tang Shao Yi (south) and Wong Yap Tong (north) have been urged by the Premier to carry on with peace negotiations.

The princes of outer Mongolia want China to shoulder their debts in exchange for relinquishing autonomy.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received at the U.S. Consulate from the Manila Observatory at 9:30 a.m. October 16.

Typhoon 115° Long. E. 15° Lat. N. moving N.W.

Typhoon 145° Long. E. 10° Lat. N. direction unknown.

suffered by the sudden death of Dr. MacFarlane, whose work as Bacteriologist had been of the greatest service to the community during several epidemics. He had also for some years done special work for the Dairy Farm Company with very satisfactory results.

Under "Charitable Services" there is a new item of \$25,000 in aid of local Chinese Charities. This sum will be administered by a Committee over which the Secretary for Chinese Affairs will preside.

I have now referred to most of the more important details of the Estimates but before concluding I wish to revert for a moment to the totals of revenue and expenditure. It will be observed that the estimates as framed show a balance in favour of revenue of something more than four lakhs of dollars. It is probable that this balance is underestimated as the dollar has for purposes of sterling payments been converted at the very safe rate of 3/-.

But on the other side there are two factors to be reckoned with. One is the deficit on rice purchases to which I have already alluded. The other is the fact that whatever may be the exact result of the discussions which have taken place with regard to the emoluments of government servants, it is certain that considerable additional expenditure must be incurred on that account. I am confident that no member of this Council or of the community will grudge the payment of whatever may be decided upon as necessary for the purpose of giving adequate remuneration to the members of the public service. I trust that this important matter may be settled at no very distant date but at present it is impossible to make any definite provision in the estimates owing to the difficulty of saying even approximately what amounts are involved. I have already referred to the sum of \$465,000 which has been inserted under miscellaneous services to meet the special allowances which are now being paid, and when these allowances cease the money will be available for purposes of such permanent increases in emoluments as may be ultimately approved. I mention these two matters now because it is not improbable that the expenditure on them may result in turning the favourable balance of the estimates into a deficit. I do not think, however, that is a consideration which need cause any hesitation in voting the sums provided in the estimates. These sums include a very large expenditure on works of development, many of which may confidently be expected to prove remunerative at an early date and I submit that such works are a proper charge against the accumulated balances of the Colony, which are in a position to stand some reduction and which could not in my view be devoted to a better purpose than to furthering the development of the Colony.

With these remarks I submit the estimates for the consideration of Honourable Members. I am aware that there are many matters of importance not dealt with, but I must ask for some measure of indulgence in consideration of the fact that I have only recently arrived, and that some time must elapse before I can place definite proposals before the Council for dealing with such questions.

It is proposed to take the second reading of the Supply Bill on Thursday October 30 if that will meet the convenience of Honourable Members, and in the meantime the Colonial Secretary and Treasurer will be glad to afford any information on the subject of the estimates that may be required.

There being no questions, the Bill was, with the Hon. Members' consent, read a first time.

His Excellency then announced that the Council is adjourned until October 20.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Jerusalem" (Capt. Glinisky) arrived from Vladivostok this morning with 35 European passengers for Hongkong.

The s.s. "Castor" (Capt. McDowell) arrived from Singapore yesterday with 1,400 tons of general cargo and 26 bags of mails.

The s.s. "Choyssang" (Capt. Baker) arrived from Canton this morning with 90 tons of general cargo for Shanghai and 1 European passenger.

The s.s. "Indo Maru" (Capt. Arai) arrived from Marseilles via Singapore yesterday with 700 tons of general cargo and 23 bags of mails.

The s.s. "Hailong" (Capt. Evans) arrived from Swatow this morning with 1,000 tons of general cargo, 7 European passengers and mails for Hongkong.

The s.s. "Keemun" (Capt. Collier) arrived from Liverpool via Shanghai yesterday with 9 naval ratings on board. She is moored alongside the Naval Yard.

The s.s. "Fooksang" (Capt. Mitchell) arrived from Calcutta via Singapore this morning with 1,449 tons of general cargo, 9 European passengers and mails for Hongkong.

The s.s. "Madras Maru" (Captain Ishikawa) arrived from Melbourne via Manila yesterday with 3,400 tons of hemp, copper and lead and 833 tons of flour and general cargo and 20 bags of mails.

The s.s. "Shingo Maru" (Captain Nishiyama) arrived from Bombay via Singapore this morning with a cargo of 5,678 tons of cotton and general cargo of which 761 tons were for Hongkong. She also brought 18 bags of mails.

The s.s. "Shidzuka Maru" (Capt. Asakawa) arrived from Yokohama via Shanghai this morning with 34 tons of quicksilver and pongas for Hongkong and a through cargo of 3,748 tons of oil, starch, lumber, seeds, beans, silk and canned goods.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Pheumphen" (Capt. Hamilton) sails for Saigon at 9 a.m. to-morrow with 400 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Shingo Maru" (Captain Nishiyama) sails for Kobe at 10 a.m. to-morrow with 400 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Castor" (Captain McDowell) sailed for Shanghai at 2 p.m. yesterday with a through cargo of oil fuel.

The s.s. "Sinkiang" (Capt. Eedy) sailed for Shanghai at noon, to-day with 1,400 tons of general cargo and 6 European passengers.

The s.s. "Jade" (Capt. Cornelissen) sailed for Haiphong via Hainan at 8 a.m. to-day with 250 tons of general cargo and 1 European passenger.

The s.s. "Huichow" (Capt. Shane) sailed for Tientsin via Chefoo and Weihaiwei at 3 p.m. to-day with 2,000 tons of general cargo and 4 European passengers.

VANITY FAIR.

SHORT RETURN SEASON NEXT WEEK.

The popular new musical-comedy company "Vanity Fair" return next week with a new box of vanities for us to sample. Miss Eileen Dawn, the business manager of the company, is here making arrangements for the company's visit, and tells us that there are all sorts of surprises in store for us. Since their last visit many new attractions have been added to the show. Miss Vera Pulin has now a new dancing partner in Mr. Steve Laurie (one of the famous Laurie family) who is admittedly one of the finest dancers ever seen out here. Apart from their individual work, these two fine artists will give special exhibitions of Jazz dancing which should prove particularly interesting to devotees of this popular craze.

The company have considerably added to their already extensive repertoire, and an entirely new "edition" will be put on for the opening night. New and novel brooking and staging will also be a feature of the new "edition." The company have just returned from an extensive tour through India, Burma, Ceylon, Malay States, and Straits Settlements, where they have met with unprecedented success.

Owing to transport difficulties the reason will have to be considerably curtailed; it is therefore advisable to book early as the management announce a change of programme each evening.

Seats for the whole season may now be booked at Montreux's and the opening night is Saturday, October 25, at the Theatre Royal, and the show starts promptly at 8.30 p.m.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the Pavilion TO-MORROW (Friday), the 17th October, 1919, at 6 p.m., for the purpose of passing the Report and Accounts and electing office bearers for the ensuing season.

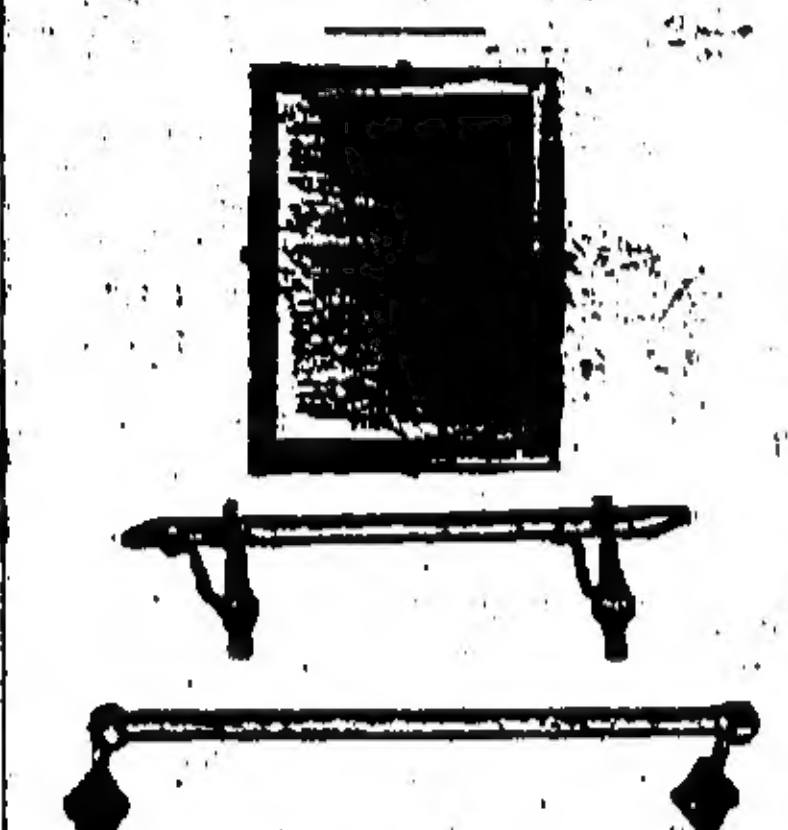
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Difference in age doesn't matter a scrap to-day," the organizer of a woman's war work society insisted, in discussing the subject with a *Daily Chronicle* representative. "Very many women over 40 came to me in the early days of the war, and asked for work. I was little doubtful of their capacity, because they looked so tired, so old. But I accepted them, and within six months they were different women. Before the war you would have described them as 'old maids'; to-day they are young women, some of them happily married."

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The secretary of a tennis club said that many members were women who must be well over 40.

"I don't like to prophesy marriage for all of them," she said, "but they are vastly different from the conventional woman of 45 whom we knew five years ago. These women play a hard set of tennis, and are better for it; there is no doubt that hard physical work gave them tone and endurance, and tempted them to take up games which before the war they would not have dared to play."

I can quite imagine that a man in the middle thirties might prefer a wife some years older if she were of this type; she would make less demands than a pretty flapper with expensive tastes, she would be a better put, and there would be more chance of solid happiness in such a marriage than in many unions where the wife is very much the younger.

The curate of a suburban church reported that very many marriages which he solemnized were between men and women of widely differing ages.

"I think men are beginning to get a little afraid of the young woman of to-day, attractive as she undoubtedly is," he said. "A woman who has seen something of life and has yet kept her charm and her vitality has in a sense proved herself; she is not an unknown quantity. She has less ambitious ideas than a bride of 20, who wants to begin married life with a smart villa and two maids. She is likely to be a better homemaker; the war has made women seem so much younger that I do not think the difference in years is likely to be remembered even if the woman is ten years older."

"I do not suggest, of course, that a woman of 50 should marry a boy of 20, but where the man is over 30 and the woman is five or ten years older I see no reason to suppose that the marriage will be anything but happy. In my own experience as a clergyman I have seen such marriage turn out very successfully."

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DUNERA	12th November	29th November

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Portland.	Harland	The Admiral Line	About 10th Nov.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Aki Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 18th Oct., at 11 a.m.
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rent.

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Goods are to be left in the Godowns
where they will be examined on 15th
October at 9 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, October 10, 1919.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

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goods remaining undelivered after the
22nd October will be subject to rent.

All claims against Steamer must be
presented to the Underwriter on or
before the 29th October, 1919, or they
will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged
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Wong Tai Chung 71.90 71.90

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S.S. "COLOMBIA" ... WEDNESDAY, Nov

EARLIER TELEGRAM.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
(Continued from Page 1.)

ABOLITION OF MARTIAL LAW IN FRANCE.

PARIS, October 13th.
A decree has been published abolishing martial law in all French Departments proclaimed during the war.

MONUMENT ERECTED IN HONOUR OF BRITISH.

Moss, October 13th.
An imposing ceremony took place to-day—the unveiling of the monument erected at Hedges, where the last shots of the war were fired, on November 11th, 1918.

British and French military representatives attended.
The monument was erected by the inhabitants in honour of the British Armies.

AMERICAN MINE SWEEPERS.

LONDON, October 13th.
The American ships which have been helping to clear up the vast minefield between the Orkneys and Norway have completed their task, accounting for 21,000 mines. Only four of the 38 sweepers escaped scatheless.

HEAVY INCREASE IN HOME RATES.

LONDON, October 13th.
In connection with the forthcoming borough elections, the papers are drawing attention to the heavy increases in the rates. West Ham leads the London boroughs with a rate of 13s. 1d., while Kensington is the lowest with 8s. 10d. County rates have all increased. Merthyr Tydfil pays 17s. 5d.

ENGLISH CORN HARVEST FINISHED.

LONDON, October 13th.
It is officially stated that the corn harvest is practically finished. The crops secured are in good condition.

"BLACK LISTS" ABOLISHED.

LONDON, October 13th.
The "Black Lists," giving the names of firms in all countries trading with the enemy, which greatly helped the blockade, has been definitely abolished.

WAR REVELATIONS.

LONDON, October 13th.
Colonel Repington, writing in the *Morning Post*, commenting on the revelations in the French Chamber on October 11th, expressed the opinion that the British Command has nothing to regret in its action when General Nivelle failed. He urges the publication of all documents to enlighten the French and British peoples.

NEW ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET.

LONDON, October 13th.
It is understood that Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss has been appointed Admiral of the Fleet.

CABINET RETRENCHMENT COMMITTEE'S DECISION.

LONDON, October 13th.
The *Daily Express* states that the Cabinet Retrenchment Committee has decided that, if real economy is realisable, it must be in the fighting forces.
It is stated that the Army expenditure will be reduced to £75,000,000, the Navy to £60,000,000, and the Air Force to £25,000,000.
A further reduction in ships is expected.

ITALIAN KING'S ABDICATION DENIED.

ROME, October 13th.
An official statement denies the rumours that the King has decided on abdication in connection with the Fiume affair.

EXCHANGE IN CHINA.

A writer in *Pacific Ports* for September believes that a traveller could take \$1,000 gold and start from Shanghai, going up the Yangtze and by the time he reached Kiating he would be penniless without having spent a cent, through the simple process of exchanging his money into local currency as he went along. In Shanghai he got \$120 for \$100 U.S. In Hongkong he got \$140 for the Shanghai \$120. In Canton he got \$150 (in Shanghai dollars) for his Hongkong \$140.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NOTES.

H.E. the Governor attended his first meeting of the Legislative Council at noon to-day.

H.E. the Governor dined with Commodore and Mrs. V. G. Gurper at the Peak on Monday evening. His Excellency was entertained at dinner, yesterday evening, by Major-General F. Ventris, C.B.

H.E. the Governor has consented to become Patron of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

JAPAN CHANGES ATTITUDE TO CHINA.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 13.
It is reported that Japan has changed her attitude in regard to China. She is now willing to lend money and supply arms to both the North and the South Governments.

INTERNAL PEACE.

Kan Wan-pang has telegraphed to Luk Wing-ting, Military Governor of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, and Tong Kai-yue, Military Governor of Yun-nan, stating that all misunderstandings between the North and the South should be removed, so that a united Government may be established. Anything connected with the well-being of China can then be frankly discussed.

OFFENSIVE BY SOUTHERN SOLDIERS.

The Military Board has telegraphed to Shun Chun-huen and Luk Wing-ting complaining that Southern soldiers under Tam Ho-ming have gone forward in three different directions to attack Northern soldiers in Hunan. They are asked to explain the reason for this action.

STUDENT DISTURBANCES IN TIENTSIN SUPPRESSED.

The student disturbances in Tientsin have been suppressed.

TROUBLE AT CHEUNG-SHA.

The Peking Government has received a telegram from Cheung King-sha, stating that Ng Pui-fu is now sending soldiers to attack Cheung-sha. The Government telegraphed asking Ng to take up the post of Inspector-General of the soldiers and let Cheung be Military Governor. This has been agreed upon.

FIGHTING IN SZECHUEN.

The Peking Government has received a telegram from Szechuen stating that there was a dispute between Szechuen and Yunnan soldiers, and the matter ended in a fight. Hung Hui-mu, the Military Governor, has left the capital.

DEATH OF LORD INVERLYDE.

Lord Inverlyde died in a nursing home at Glasgow, aged 55.

Lord Inverlyde was identified with many interests, and was one of the best-known figures in commercial and shipping life. Born on February 14, 1864, Lord Inverlyde was the second son of the first baron, and succeeded to the title on the death of his elder brother, the second Lord Inverlyde, in October, 1905. Before that he was known as the Hon. James Cleland Burns. He had been associated with the management of the firm of Messrs. G. and J. Burns (Limited) for 34 years, and since the death of his brother had been chairman.

He took an active interest in all matters connected with shipping. This fact and the practical knowledge he displayed led to his appointment in 1895 as president of the Glasgow Shipowners' Association, a position which he held up to the time of his death. In 1895 he became a member of the Executive Council of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom. In 1898 he was elected vice-president, and in the following year president.

Lord Inverlyde was a director of the Cunard Steamship Company, and deputy-chairman of the Clydesdale Bank (Limited), and a director of the Clyde Steamship Owners' Association; he had also taken a prominent part in the direction of Lloyd's Register, the Empress training ship, and other institutions.

Lord Inverlyde was married in 1891 to Charlotte Mary Emily, daughter of the late Mr. R. Nugent-Dunbar, Machermore Castle, Kirkcudbright, and they had one son, Lieutenant the Hon. John Alan Burns, who succeeds to the title, and two daughters. The new peer served in the war as a second lieutenant in the Scots Guards, and was wounded towards the close of 1917. He was born in December, 1897, and was educated at Eton and Sandhurst.

CRICKET NOTES.

(Special to the China Mail.)

[By "Unique."]

General disappointment was felt when the news arrived that the arrangements for holding a triangular cricket tournament had come to naught. With more settled conditions, we may sincerely hope that next year the scheme may meet with more success, although next year the Singapore C.C. intends, I believe, to invite teams from Hongkong, Shanghai, Burma, and Ceylon, so that there may be a real cricket carnival there, where the Mid East and Far East will be represented. Some years ago, teams from Ceylon and Burma visited Singapore, and a most successful tournament was played in which the Straits came off best. If a tournament should be arranged for Singapore about September next year, Hongkong might be able to accept the invitation without interfering with our own cricket season.

The reason which impelled Singapore to refuse the invitation to Hongkong was undoubtedly the inability of a sufficiently strong team to get the requisite month's leave, especially as, with the present uncertainty of shipping, the month might well have extended itself into six weeks. I have little doubt that Shanghai's decision was based upon the refusal of Singapore; perhaps they considered it would not be worth their while to come to Hongkong to play only this Colony's team. Hongkong's chances were not to be despised, by any means, and there were many who held the view that this Colony would have defeated any team which Shanghai or British Malaya could have sent here.

In place of the inter-port matches, it has been suggested that three holiday matches be played during November: one between the Hongkong C.C. and the Army and Navy, another between Hongkong and Kowloon, and the third between the Europeans and the Orientals. I trust that all these will be arranged. The close finish in the recent match between the Hongkong C.C. and the Garrison makes it certain that a return match will be very interesting, especially as both teams will be appreciably strengthened before them. A Hongkong v. Kowloon match should provide a very close struggle, as the Kowloon residents' team will have the assistance of some of the officers of the Indian Regiments. I have already stated my views on a European v. Oriental match. Such a fixture will only be possible if the Oriental community unite; such a state of unity does not exist at present.

Another suggestion made—and one that has the support of many participants in the Cricket League—is that, now that inter-port cricket and the necessary trial matches are not taking place, the League should be run on the former basis of Home and Away matches by converting all the friendly matches that will be played into League fixtures and filling up the list so that each Club meets every other twice. If this is to be done, it will have to be done soon, for such a decision will mean the rearrangement of all fixture lists.

As I have expressed before, I am against the principle of League cricket, but if it means greater keenness by players, greater punctuality and a stricter adherence to rules of some sort, then certainly I support the scheme for Home and Away matches. There is, of course, a luxury about friendly games, of which unpunctuality is a most noticeable feature, which can do no good to the game in Hongkong. Even in such an important match, as that played on Monday the late arrival of some of those taking part was a new and strange thing to at least one Garrison player who, having recently arrived from Home, where he had played a great deal of cricket, was accustomed to punctuality so far as cricket was concerned.

A meeting of the League Committee is taking place in a day or two, and the matter will be fully discussed. With eleven teams taking part and nine playing grounds available on Saturday, there seems little reason why the Home and Away matches could not be completed sooner than last year, though only nine teams competed then.

Those who watched Monday's match witnessed cricket played under difficult conditions, in which the

batsmen were called upon to exercise unusual vigilance to keep their wickets intact. Brind, for the Club, and Davies, for the Garrison, whom few will deny the honour of being the best pair of bowlers in the Colony, were both unable to do themselves justice. Brand was constantly sending full tosses owing to the slippery nature of the ball, while the ground was so sticky that he could not get the necessary spin into his deliveries. Davies found the ground not suited to his break and, in the second innings, sent down a fast, good length ball that somewhat troubled the batsmen.

The bowling of P. H. Cobb was one of the features of the match. The soft ground made his deliveries hang after the first toss while, in the air also, their flight was not easy to follow. He captured 13 wickets in the match for 86 runs, though it is noteworthy that he bowled only one Corpl. Mann, in the Garrison first innings. He had ten men caught off him, mostly in the slips and at point, and two were stumped by Guee, who, by the way, showed himself a very dexterous wicket-keeper. He did not a finger split when stopping one from Brand. Cobb did another notable thing in bowling right through both innings of the opposing side—all from the Naval Yard end. The wicket was distinctly in his favour.

If there was a "hero" in the match, it was undoubtedly A. A. Claxton, whose dashing display of cricket won the match for his side. Claxton's cricket is too much admired in the Colony to need my encomiums. His innings was, under the circumstances it was played, one of his finest efforts, for the ball had to be watched all the time. Indeed, it was in trying to play back to one from Davies that he gave his only real chance quite early in his innings; the ball kicked and, touching the edge of his bat, went straight into Baines' hands. It was a costly miss.

Next to Claxton, the man who scored most in the match was Major H. M. Edwards. In the first innings, Edwards played most painstakingly, though Cobb's deliveries often had him in a knot and he was forced to make a clumsy snick into the slips—it was one of these clumsy strokes that cost him his wicket in the second innings. Edwards proved himself a first class cricketer. He is a more polished batsman than he was in Ceylon five years ago.

Two more players deserve special mention in connection with the match—Capt. Oliver and E. J. E. Mitchell. Oliver is an acquisition to Hongkong cricket. It was extremely unfortunate for his side, and hard luck for him, that he should have been run out in the first innings, just when he was shaping so well. If he will only curb, to even a trifling extent, some of his natural impetuosity to score, Oliver will soon come to be one of the most attractive and successful batsmen in the Colony. He is a good bowler, who breaks both way, and who can only be hit with careful judgment. Oliver played for Charterhouse not so many years ago and was afterwards in the Woolwich eleven—a sufficient qualification of his standard, for the Woolwich team has to be picked from several hundred young men fresh from public school. E. J. R. Mitchell, always a careful batsman, was forced to keep both eyes open in facing Davies and Baines. He did not let anything pass him on the off, and his innings must be accounted a meritorious one, because he was, I believe, one of the few men who did not give even the semblance of a chance.

Those who saw C. J. Stapleton's long innings on Saturday last, at Kowloon, when playing against a strong team drawn from the R.E. and Indian Army, are loud in their praise of this young cricketer. They aver that there is not a batsman in Hongkong who has got such a clean and powerful "carpet" drive to long off. Stapleton, who appears to be in such excellent form this season, certainly has a varied repertoire of attractive strokes on the off. He gives me, however, the impression, by playing back to nearly everything, that he makes the bowling to which he is opposed seem harder than it really is. There is no gainsaying the fact that he is in the very forefront of Hongkong's batsmen at the present moment.

By winning the match against the R.E. and Indian Army in so convincing a fashion, Kowloon showed that

ASIA BANKING CORPORATION.

It was announced to-day by the Asia Banking Corporation that the New York State Banking Department had authorized an increase in the capital stock of the Corporation from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000; at the same time, it was arranged that the surplus should be increased from \$500,000 to \$1,100,000. A certain amount of the new stock was set aside for the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago, National Shawmut Bank of Boston, and the Guardian Savings and Trust Company, Cleveland, which institutions were invited, and expressed a desire, to become stockholders in the Corporation. The banks named will, together with the banks who were the original stockholders, centre their efforts in furthering the fast-increasing volume of trade between the United States and China, which is the prime purpose of the Asia Banking Corporation, with its six branches in vital trade sections of the Far East.

IRELAND.

For enlightenment on the Home Rule for Ireland question, there is still no better writing of the subject than Shaw's play "John Bull's Other Island." Lord Meath seems to have read and digested it. In a letter to *The Times* he notes that "the feelings" of the mass of the Irish people are involved, and that this "must ultimately mean separation."

He goes on: "There can, in my opinion, be no permanent peace between Ireland and Great Britain until a Federation of Independent States within the British Isles, under the control of a Central Parliament representing all the States sitting in London, has been established, on a somewhat similar model to that of the United States, and of our own self-governing Dominions of Canada, Australia, and in a modified manner of South Africa."

Meanwhile, as that must take time, he advocates some measure of temporary Home Rule, into which Ulster must not be coerced. Lord Dunsany suggests: Why not have one Irish Parliament with two Houses of Commons, one for "Ulster," one for "the rest of Ireland," and a Senate consisting of, say, 60 members, one-third selected by each House of Commons and one-third nominated—for a time only—by the Crown? The Senate would exercise the all-important function of co-ordination and of so regulating legislation as to avoid consequences inimical to common interests. It would be a live body, and would attach men of patriotic ambition.

A summary of *The Times* scheme is given elsewhere.

they will have to be seriously rocked among the possible winners of this year's League honours—which now appear to be between the Hongkong C.C., Kowloon C.C. and the R.G.A. Hongkong, with Pearce, Hancock, Brand, Mitchell, O'Connell, Blaker, Thrusfield, Humphreys, Raworth, Donnelly, Lammert and Johnstone, can be assured of a successful season.

If Kowloon can always command the services of the team that played the R.E. last week, with Goodall and Taylor in place of Mackintosh and Ridge, it will be a very strong eleven that will be able to beat them.

The R.G.A. are stronger than ever this year, especially in bowling. Of the new officers Capt. Davies, Lieut. Bryson and Capt. Oliver are all first class bowlers, and with the help of Baines and Athome, they constitute the strongest bowling team in the Colony at present. The Artillerymen did not cover themselves with glory when playing against the Chinese last Saturday although they won the match by 80 runs. They lacked the services of Major Downing and Lieut. Sutherland, who are both useful batsmen.

The Staffs got the better of a good Civil Service team at Happy Valley on Friday, the match being chiefly noteworthy for some very "heavy" bowling by Sergeant Connor, who showed himself a very capable cricketer on the few occasions he appeared for the R.E. last season. In the matches against the R.G.A. and the Civil Service Connor has captured 14 wickets for 60 runs—a fraction over 4 runs apiece.

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SPORTS.

INDIAN RECREATION CLUB REPORT.

The report of the Committee of the Indian Recreation Club for the ten months ending September 30, states that the accounts show a credit balance of \$1,073.55. The number on the membership roll is 130. A piece of ground at the Sook-poo Valley has been allotted to the Club for cricket and tennis, and it is hoped to open it in the course of next month.

The Club has had a very successful cricket season. Of eight matches played, five were won, two drawn and one lost.
During the summer months launch bathing trips were held every Wednesday. The attendances were good and the outings proved very successful. The Committee recommend a grant of \$15.75 to meet the deficit in connection with these bathing trips.
The Club has entered teams in the Hongkong Cricket League, and the Hongkong Football League. The Committee hope that the members will do all in their power to further the success of the Club in these Leagues.

CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB REPORT.

The Committee have the pleasure of presenting the report for the season 1918-1919.

The Club competed in the league competition and although the result was not satisfactory we were able to fulfil all the league fixtures, with so few playing members that were available.

In batting Mr. R. Basa had the best average with 14.1 in 18 matches.

In bowling Mr. L. E. Lammert was best with an average of 9.5 in 10 matches and Mr. U. Omar being second with 12 in 14 matches.

Tennis. The Club entered a team in the Tennis League, with satisfactory result.

The usual tennis tournament held in the season remains unfinished, owing to the exceptional rainy weather and other causes.

Membership. The number on the roll is 150 being an increase of 52. The Committee voted to record the death of Captain A. C. Broadbridge who was an old and esteemed member.

Club House. The Club House is in good condition. Through the generosity of Messrs. J. H. N. Mody and R. E. Bellis extensive additions are being constructed which when completed will meet the requirements of the large increase of membership. The thanks of the Club are due to these gentlemen for their generosity and to the Government for granting the necessary permission.

An "At Home" was held on the 24th May in celebration of the 25th

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

List of vessels in port this morning.

British—	Japanese—
Keemun	Indo Maru
Haihong	Shidzuka Maru
Fooksang	Shingo Maru
Choysang	Madras Maru
City of Florence	Kajo Maru
Sinking	Manila Maru
Hulchow	Taiwan Maru
Aldinow	Bujan Maru
Proteailus	
Cheongshing	Chinese—
Suisan	Winghang
Loongsang	Kwongwai
War Seoy	Kamyingat
Circeshell	Kunghong
Phumpenh	Shuncheong
Laisang	Aldorne
Norwegian—	Dutch—
Haldia	Limburg
American—	Ajax
Tancerville	French—
Russian—	Bourbon
Jerusalem	

anniversary of the Club. Athletic sports of an entertaining nature were provided. The occasion was very successful and the Committee desire to express their thanks for the support and help given by the members.

"Finance. The account shows a balance of \$3,469.11.
Debentures. The Committee regret that the interest due has not yet been paid. It is hoped that payment will be made shortly after the accounts are passed and it may be found possible to redeem some debentures also.
The thanks of the Club are due to the President for his annual prizes.

BATTING AVERAGES.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Names.	Innings.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Times Not out.	Average.
R. Basa	16	225	43	0	14.1
F. G. Thomp-					
son	16	136	45	1	12.1
M. H. Abbas	15	169	36	0	11.2
L. E. Lammert	12	105	40	0	9.8
U. Omar	15	107	30	2	8.2
A. Goldenberg	14	98	18	2	8.1

BOWLING ANALYSIS—LEAGUE MATCHES.

Names.	I.	O.	R.	W.	A.
L. E. Lammert	10	68.2	266	28	9.5
U. Omar	14	185.5	604	42	12.0
M. H. Abbas	10	114.6	329	24	13.7

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THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT IT.

KING BEGS FOR GOOD WILL.

LONDON, October 13.

A national campaign in support of the League of Nations was inaugurated at a meeting in the Mansion House this afternoon. Mr. Asquith was the principal speaker.

The King wrote emphasising that a strong and enduring League of Nations is essential in order to secure lasting peace, and commending the cause to all citizens of the Empire. His Majesty added "so that with the help of all other men of good-will a buttress and sure defence of peace to the glory of God and the lasting fame of our age and country may be established." (cheers).

There was a large and distinguished audience, which rose after the reading of the King's message and sang the National Anthem.

PREMIER'S MESSAGE.

The Premier wrote appealing to his fellow-countrymen to participate in a great crusade to support international order and goodwill. Mr. Asquith moved a resolution approving the aims of the League and endorsing the proposal that November 11 be celebrated throughout the country as League of Nations day. He emphasised the point that the success of this great experiment rested not so much with the governments as with the peoples of the world. There were a multitude of disquieting factors in the international atmosphere and the outspoken and resolute support of the peoples was necessary to carry the League through its present difficulties.

ASQUITH ON ARMAMENTS.

Mr. Asquith emphasised the importance of Articles Twelve and Sixteen. He said if these were properly recognised and carried out the crime of 1914 would never be repeated. One of the first steps towards the realisation of the benefits of the League must be a drastic reduction of armaments by all the powers, whose preparations still immeasurably exceeded the maximum for national safety.

A PERMANENT AGENCY FOR PEACE.

Lord Robert Cecil emphasised that the League would continually care for the interests of peace all over the world, unlike previous attempts to secure peace, which had operated by fits and starts. The road was full of combustible materials, some already smouldering, which must be removed and replaced by some other material in order to avoid a dangerous conflagration.

Mr. Clynes said Labour would not find security by depending entirely on the international working-class movement. The League would be for governments and parliaments what the international movement proposed to do amongst the rank and file of the people.

THE BOLSHEVIST WAR.

DENIKIN'S SUCCESSES.

LONDON, October 13.

Official details of Denikin's victory at Veronej reveal that the town was captured on October 3 by a volunteer corps under General Shkuro. On the following day the Soviet troops counter-attacked but were beaten off with heavy losses and driven into a prepared trap where the enemy force was annihilated with the help of Cossacks, who thereupon swung south-eastwards and attacked the important railway junction at Tiski, capturing 5,000 prisoners. On the south-east front five red regiments were completely defeated at Cherevujar with heavy losses.

THE BREAST STRIKE.

PARIS, October 13.

The strike situation at Brest has decidedly improved. Two thousand workers have returned to the arsenal. The strike leaders were forbidden to make demonstrations. A conference of workers and employers is seeking a settlement.

GERMAN TROOPS IN BALTIC REGIONS.

BERLIN, October 14.

A semi-official statement reports a complete stoppage of provisions to the insubordinate troops in the Baltic regions, except to those returning as ordered on October 11. All passenger traffic thither was immediately stopped and sharper control measures likewise taken to make the prohibited supply of ammunition impossible. Von der Goltz has transferred his command to General Eberhard, and is expected in Berlin shortly.

FLYING TO THE ANTIPODES.

AN AUSTRALIAN STARTS.

LONDON, October 13.

An Australian airman Matthews starts on Wednesday from Hounslow on a Sopwith biplane on an attempted flight to Australia. This is for the Australian Government's prize of £10,000. The route is kept secret but he will possibly touch at Athens or Constantinople, thence to Egypt, the Persian Gulf and via India. Other Australian aviators intend to follow in the course of a few weeks, probably flying via Otranto, Malta, Egypt or Constantinople, Bagdad, Bushire, Calcutta, Rangoon, or Singapore. The flight is exciting the greatest interest.

PARIS, October 13.

The aviator Poulet left this morning on his flight to Melbourne.

HARBOURING A MARRIED WOMAN

SOME HARD SWEARING.

At the Magistrate's this morning

before Mr. N. L. Smith, a well-dressed Chinese was charged with harbouring a married woman.

The husband was called.

His Worship: Are you married?

Yes.

Is this your wife?—Yes.

When did you get married?—On

October 14, last year.

Did you treat your wife well?—

Yes. All my jewellery is in her

hands. I trust her very much.

She lives with you?—She lived

with me until I fell ill, when I went

to my sister's place.

You left your wife alone?—No, my

mother-in-law kept her company.

When did she run away?—On the

evening of the 8th of this month,

and she arrived in Hongkong on the

morning of the 9th.

How did you know?—I was in-

formed by my friends in Hongkong,

by telegram, who found her in Ship

Street.

Have you seen defendant before?

Yes. We were both members of

the Joke Association. Once I paid

him his subscription.

The wife was then called.

His Worship: You are married?

Yes.

Is this your wife?—Not very

good.

How old are you?—I am 19 years

old.

How is it you came down to Hong-

kong?—I came for a visit.

Alone?—Yes. But my mother

tragedy. I was in Hongkong and

lived at Grubum.

With whom?—My brothers and

several in-law.

Where do your parents live?—In

Hongkong.

You said you came down to Hong-

kong of your own accord. What did

you do?—On my arrival, I went to

stay at a boarding-house.

Only yourself alone?—Yes.

You spent the night there?—Yes.

And then what happened?—Next

day I rented a cubicle in a house at

Wanchai.

Who is this man (defendant)?—A

friend of my husband.

Did you see him in Hongkong?—

Yes. He is the cook of the ship on

which I arrived here.

Did you see him after your arrival

in Hongkong?—No.

You didn't see him until you were

at the S.C.A.'s office?—Yes.

Are you prepared to admit that

you rented a cubicle for yourself?—

Yes.

How much was it?—\$4.50.

How long have you been staying

there?—From the 11th day of this

month to the time I was arrested.

What street was it you were in in

Wanchai?—Ship Street.

His Worship said that there was

no evidence against defendant.

His Worship: Who is the man

who sent you the telegram?—That

man there.

The man was called.

His Worship: Where do you live?

—In Heungshan.

You told the witness that his wife

had run away from home?—Yes.

Then what did you do?—I went

to Canton to look for her, and I was

told that she had come down to

Hongkong, staying at Wanchai. I

came down here and stayed at the

house, and a constable went with

me to the house and found the girl.

What else alone?—Yes. After

that, I went to look for defendant

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who was in a wine shop.

Why did you suspect this man?—

Because I was told that he had

brought down some belongings of the

girl.

Did anybody see them together?—

No, they left the country at night.

Anybody see them in Ship Street?

Yes.

Who?—There is the man.

The man was called.

His Worship: Have you seen the

girl before?—No. I only heard

people talking of the girl when I was

in a junk. They said that the girl

had escaped from the country, and

was staying with a man in Wanchai.

The tenant of the house where the

girl stayed was then called.

His Worship: Did you rent a

cubicle to the girl?—Yes.

For how much?—\$4.50.

Anybody stay with the girl?—Yes.

the defendant. They said they were

husband and wife.

Who paid the rent?—The woman

paid it.

But did you not think it strange

that the woman should pay the rent,

and not the man?—It is usually the

woman who pays it.

His Worship (to defendant): What

have you got to say?—The woman

here said that you lived there?—No.

I had only visited the girl.

His Worship (to witness): Did he

sleep there at night?—Yes, they

were there for two nights.

His Worship (to defendant): There

is no harm if the girl had run away

by herself, but it is now proved

against you that you had harboured

her. You knew her husband, and

you were perfectly aware that she

was a married woman.

Defendant: I work on board a

ship. Some folks told me that my

relative had come on board. I went

to her, and I carried her a meal.

On arrival in Hongkong she went to

stay at a boarding-house. She told

me to be absent from the ship for

a day so that she could go out shop-

ping with me. Next day, she went

to Wanchai and rented a cubicle.

I only visited her, and didn't sleep

there.

His Worship: I shall fine you \$50

or six weeks.

CLEARANCES.

October 15.

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KOWLOON-CANTON RAIL-
WAY ROBBED.

THEFT OF STEEL PLATES.

At the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, six men appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, two charged with the larceny of 50 steel fish plates belonging to the Kowloon-Canton Railway, and four, charged with receiving the plates well knowing them to have been stolen.

Mr. Leo Longinotto appeared for the Crown, Mr. C. H. Lyson for one of the alleged thieves, Mr. E. Davidson for two of the alleged receivers and Mr. C. E. H. Beavis for the other two.

The charge against Mr. Lyson's client was proceeded with.

Sergeant Lane of the Water Police deposed that on October 1 he went with Mr. Blyth of the railway to a marine hawker's store, and found a quantity of steel plates which were tied up in a bundle. These were identified by Mr. Blyth. Two men from the shop were arrested, but they said that the plates were bought from defendant.

Mr. Blyth said the plates concerned were only used by the railway, and no other place was using them. One of the alleged thieves who was discharged on account of insufficient evidence, said that defendant engaged him at Yumadi to go to the coal yard opposite Holt's Wharf, and to remove a quantity of iron. There were three other men present with him. Defendant took charge of the removal of the plates, which were transferred to a junk lying alongside the wharf. He was paid \$4.50 which was to be divided. Cross-examined by Mr. Lyson, witness said that defendant engaged all the men.

One of the receivers, discharged said that he bought iron from defendant on many occasions. On September 23 defendant visited his store, and told him to buy some iron. Defendant asked for 50 cents commission on every bundle of plates, which were later to reach his store.

By Mr. Lyson:—The plates were brought in to his store by coolies. The price agreed was \$33, plus \$7.50 which was the commission. Two folks were present when the purchase was agreed upon.

Defendant denied any knowledge of the plates. He said that he was only a commission agent.

His Worship believed that the defendant was not the person to be charged. He was discharged with the evidence given by the witnesses. He discharged defendant.

The case against the receivers was adjourned. Bail of \$1,000 each was allowed.

POST OFFICE.

The Mail from Vancouver etc., per s.s. "Montague" was received to-day from Shanghai per s.s. "Shidzuka Maru."

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to Aden, Abas or Mohamurah in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

The insured letter and insured parcel service between Egypt (or in transit through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Umbria, Viterbo, Treviso Padua, Venice and Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

The Parcel Post Services to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces), and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Frithra, French Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

INWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, October 17.

Shanghai—Per SHANTUNG.

Manila and Australia—Per AKI MARU.

SATURDAY, October 18.

Straits—Per TAMBA MARU.

SUNDAY, October 19.</